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## FROM THE DESK OF SHERIFF MANSFIELD

As we roll forward towards the end of the year, I am once again struck with a feeling of where did the year go and how did the time slip by us so fast? This year, like the ones before, continues to epitomize the ongoing changes and challenges we face as an organization and a community.

Proponents for the legalization of marijuana are pounding at the doors of the legislature. They have already made concerning progress in other states and it appears that Washington may soon fall to this nonsense. This movement depicts a shift in social values such as I have never seen before. The lure of easy money, a new resource for tax revenue, a seemingly quick fix to enforcement issues, and an intensifying public demand for marijuana are the overlying issues driving this change. The Sheriffs and Police Chiefs of Washington State remain committed to fight the legalization and cultivation of marijuana.

The ongoing trial in the brutal Salkum triple murder case serves as a reminder of the real evil that exists in our communities. John Booth, Jr. shot and killed three people and left another for dead in pursuit of a debt collection. As this article was being prepared, the jury verdict came in...guilty on

all counts! This shocking incident exemplifies how violent our world can be, but more importantly, it serves to remind us that we must remain vigilant, strong, and committed to looking out for one another.

The recent Coroner's Inquest into the Ronda Reynolds case was a disturbing perversion of the justice system and as a result, I fully anticipate changes to the laws that guide such a process. One positive outcome was the Reynolds family, who had remained silent for so long, finally came forward and publicly shared their side, or as they say, the rest of the story. Perhaps now the families on both sides can move on.

We continue to seek new and innovative ways to provide quality service in the face of shrinking budgets. We are in the final phases of rolling out a new performance management program that we have been developing over the past three years. In these lean times, this program will help us maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of our most valuable resource – our people. By promoting accountability, commitment, innovation and trust, the new program will promote the achievement of excellence under both normal and adverse conditions.

The strength of this organization has always been the people who work here, and at a time when we are challenged the most, we are fortunate to have the finest people and as an organization, be at our very best. We are also blessed to have the support of the community we serve. As the year fades away, remember to enjoy, appreciate and make the most out of the time God gives to each of us and our families.

Merry Christmas!

*Sheriff Steve*

## Choose Your Ride

***Extra Patrols NOW  
in Lewis County***



***If you plan on indulging  
in alcoholic beverages  
this holiday season,  
make sure to designate  
a sober driver or arrange  
for a taxi ride home.***

## INMATES LEARN KITCHEN SKILLS

By Lieutenant Jim Pea

Lewis County Jail inmates who meet certain criteria will soon be able to obtain certifications in commercial baking and basic kitchen safety, as a result of a training program recently implemented by Consolidated Food Management (CFM), the company which operates the jail's kitchen and food service program.

The program is being taught in two steps, depending on the inmate's education level and length of time the inmate has to spend working as an inmate laborer in the kitchen, according to Janice Brotherson, CFM's longtime food service manager at the jail. The only requirements for completion of the courses are that the inmate has a basic GED, will be in jail long enough to complete the program, and have an interest in and commitment to participation in the program. The inmate must also agree to behavior that is conducive to learning at all times while in the program.

According to Ted Hanby, CFM District Manager, Lewis County is only the second facility to undertake this program. The pilot program was implemented recently in Washington County, Oregon, another facility where CFM operates the food service program.

Hanby says the program was developed to allow inmates working in the kitchen to obtain tangible and applicable kitchen skills. Inmates will be working in an environment responsive to food service industry real world skills, and the program will establish a foundation of expertise allowing them employment opportunities in food and baking careers in restaurants, cafes, hotels, cafeterias, delis, catering and institutional operations.

CFM's "from scratch" cooking and baking program has been the foundation and basis of their day-to-day institutional meal preparation. "Our thirty years of renowned success in the food business allows CFM to turn a comprehensive cooking program into a tangible commercial experience and certification for Lewis County inmates. Our day-to-day food service program provides the curriculum, which instructs in both preparation and foundation for the relevant skills in a commercial operating kitchen." Hanby further says the program can give inmates core skills necessary for possible successful employment after they are released.

According to CFM program guidelines, inmates in the program are "expected to uphold the integrity of the kitchen's food service standards, specifically in regard to behavior toward learning the essential best industry practices." Participants will "learn introduction and application of kitchen operation, methods of safety and sanitation, ingredient characteristics, temperature, storage, cooking and baking."

Certificates of Completion come in two phases: A prepared worker with a strong foundation for an entry-level position in the field of food service in restaurants and bakeries needed for successful employment; and a worker with practical fundamentals in commercial food operations and kitchens.

Hanby says the program parallels food service industry standards, the National Restaurant Association SERVE SAFE program, as well as the fundamentals of hazard analysis of critical control point management. "CFM provides the inmate worker with the ability to learn the core foundation of food sanitation, preparation, cooking and baking. Every CFM meal provides a vast training ground for the worker to apply what we teach to what they serve to the jail population."

The training program is being delivered by means of hands-on learning and instruction provided by Brotherson and her staff. The program is being conducted with the support of the Lewis County Health Department. Brotherson is being certified by the Health Department to proctor testing for Food Handler Permits, which will be awarded to inmates who successfully complete the course. The ten dollar cost of the Food Handler Permit will be paid by the jail, from the inmate welfare fund, which is generated through profits from inmate commissary sales. The program represents no additional cost to the taxpayer.

Brotherson says the new program already has its first two participants. She and jail managers are looking forward to their completion of the program, and being able to offer these and future participants as potential employees in the local food service community.

## JOURNEY TO THE TOP

By Deputy Tim English



In early 2011, I began planning for a trip to the summit of Mt. Rainier. The purpose of this climb was to raise awareness and bring attention to the Special Olympics of Washington, and to raise funds for our county's Special Olympians so they may continue in their long standing tradition of demonstrating courage, developing physical fitness, and sharing friendship.

Training for the climb consisted of approximately three months of endurance training, including running with weights and training on inclined slopes. Doug Ruth was my partner for this climb. He is an accomplished mountaineer, having climbed to the summit of Mt. Rainier 11 times, as well as having completed a 15 day climb

in Denali State Park in Alaska, just to name a few. Mr. Ruth was instrumental in my preparation for the climb, as I had no experience on a mountain such as Mt. Rainier. He was able to provide me with guidance for training, as well as gear I would need to help keep my costs low. Normally, a guide service would cost nearly \$1,900 for the trip to the summit. For this climb, Mr. Ruth was able to negotiate with a friend, Gary Talcott, to provide the service for free. Mr. Talcott is a private guide and has been to the summit of Mt. Rainier over 300 times.

On July 21, Mr. Ruth and I set off from the Paradise parking lot en-route to where we would stay for the first night at Protection Rock, 300 feet in elevation below Camp Muir. The hike from Paradise to Camp Muir is approximately 5,000 feet in elevation gain. With backpacks that weighed about 50 lbs. each, we made this section of the climb in approximately 4.5 hours. At Protection Rock, Mr. Talcott was waiting for us, along with two others that would be joining in our attempt to the summit the next day.



*Pictured at Right—Climber Doug Ruth*

On July 22, we woke up at 3 a.m. to prepare for the climb which was going to be an elevation gain of more than 4,000 feet. After some breakfast and training, we started for the summit around 7 a.m. from Camp Muir. The hike to the top would be a difficult trip as we were expecting high winds due to reports from other climbers coming off the mountain. After the first two hours of hiking, we approached Disappointment Cleaver. This part of the journey was adequately named due to its difficulty. If someone is not going to make the climb and has to turn around due to exhaustion, it will be on Disappointment Cleaver. It took us two hours to get to the top of the cleaver where we took a break. This was an opportunity to get some food and water before the second half of the climb. As we sat down, two of the people in our group stated they had nothing left and would have to turn around and go home. The time was 11:00 a.m. We were delayed getting to the top of the cleaver due to the difficulty in the climb. Mr. Talcott would have to take the two other climbers off the mountain, leaving just Mr. Ruth and I to finish the climb alone. We were instructed by Mr. Talcott that we would have to hit the summit by 3 p.m. or turn around, in order to have enough time to get off the mountain.



Mr. Ruth and I started toward the summit, determined to make it in the timeframe put in front of us. We arrived at the summit at 3:15 p.m., 15 minutes late. We had very little time to spend there, and the winds were between 40 to 50 miles per hour, with gusts around 60 miles per hour. There was enough time to take a few photos with the Lewis County Special Olympics Torch, and then it was time to start our journey back to Camp Muir. At the time, we were the only people at the summit, everyone else that was on the mountain had already been to the summit or turned around.

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## CONTINUATION — JOURNEY TO THE TOP

Once we took our photos and enjoyed the view for about fifteen minutes, we started our climb back down. The climb down was almost as exciting as the climb up. We had to be very careful, as our legs were very tired due to exhaustion, and had to keep our ropes tight in case of a fall. It took approximately 3.5 hours to hike back to Camp Muir where we were able to get something to eat and get some sleep.

The next morning we packed up our things and hiked back to the Paradise parking lot where we met with two Special Olympians. There we passed the torch to them and were able to take some nice photos and get some lunch.

This journey was a tough trip but for a good cause. The Special Olympics is a cause worthy of everyone's time and attention. To date, the climb has raised nearly \$1,000.

*Pictured at Right: Deputy Tim English, center, passes the torch to Special Olympians.*



## SHERIFF'S RECEPTION STAFF RECEIVES HIGH MARKS

Congratulations to our Sheriff's reception employees for a job well done! During a recent Customer Service Survey, 98% of our patrons taking the survey indicated they were treated in a professional manner, 95% said their concerns were addressed, and 85% noted our reception staff exceeded their expectations. Chief Civil Deputy Stacy Brown stated, "The staff working at the front counter has done an exceptional job handling our customers' needs, even with the staff shortages we are dealing with. Well done and keep up the outstanding job!"



Here's what some of our patrons had to say:

"Very courteous and exceptional service. Thank You!"

"Please thank them. They both were so helpful and caring."

"She went beyond what I expected and tried to make my visit pleasant."

"My business was handled very promptly and professionally."

"Very courteous and friendly."

"The help and caring are very appreciated."



## ***Cub Scout Troop 419 Visits the Sheriff's Office***



### **NEW TOOL FOR VICTIMS OF LOST PROPERTY**

The Lewis County Sheriff's Office has developed a new tool that will hopefully aid in helping citizens claim their lost property. Citizens who have lost property in Lewis County can now go to the LCSO website to see if their property has been turned in. The website address is: [www.lewiscountywa.gov/sheriff/found-property](http://www.lewiscountywa.gov/sheriff/found-property).

Property Director Isabelle Williams said, "It is our goal to get property back to its rightful owner. We get a great deal of satisfaction and sense of accomplishment returning property to its owner, especially those treasured items that are irreplaceable and that they thought were lost forever."

Several methods are used by property and evidence staff to return lost property to its owner. Having the capability to put the information on the website will be very helpful to victims and citizens in finding their lost property as the posting can remain on the site until the owner claims it.

In 2010, 433 items were turned into the Sheriff's Office as lost property.

### **NEW K-9 READY FOR SERVICE**

After completing 240 hours of Canine Narcotic Detection Training, K-9 Ransom officially joins the Sheriff's Office force with his handler, Deputy Chris Fulton. Ransom, a former rescue dog, is a two year old Shepherd mix and was donated by local Centralia business Picky Puppy.

Ransom is trained to locate four different types of drugs—marijuana, methamphetamine, cocaine and heroin. In the five weeks since graduation, Ransom has already made several finds of illegal narcotics that have led to criminal arrests.

The Sheriff's Office plans to use Ransom for searching at the jail, schools, vehicles during traffic stops, and also for building searches where drug activity is suspected.



Deputy Chris Fulton & K-9 Ransom

A special thank you to the Centralia Rotary Club for donating the kennel and to Picky Puppy for not only donating Ransom, but also for donating his food and supplies!



### **PREVENT CRIME—LOCK YOUR DOORS EVERY TIME**

Sheriff's Office Support Volunteers took to the trails providing extra patrol where most vehicle break-ins were being reported. Trail heads, boat launches and park and rides are among the locations targeted. Green postcard-sized notes are being placed on vehicle windshields notifying owners their vehicles were checked by Sheriff's Office representatives. The notes also provide prevention tips on how to avoid becoming a victim.

Signs were also recently installed on the Rails to Trails parking area off Highway 603 reminding citizens to lock their vehicle doors and remove valuables to prevent theft. No matter what the season, most vehicle thefts can be prevented by citizens taking a few extra precautions by not leaving their valuables in their vehicles and, most of all, locking their vehicle doors. Thieves usually go for easy targets—unlocked vehicles. If the doors are locked, thieves will most likely move on to one that isn't.

Sheriff Mansfield stated, "Vehicle prowls only take a few minutes, even less when the vehicle is left unlocked. So remember, to prevent crime—lock your doors every time!"



**LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL PROJECT UPDATE  
LOCAL ARTIST JIM STAFFORD SELECTED TO CRAFT SCULPTURE**

*Local artist Jim Stafford shows the clay sculpture to Memorial Committee members for first round of critiquing.*

Jim Stafford, a lifetime resident of Lewis County, was selected to prepare the artwork for the Law Enforcement Memorial statue. What started out as a photo shoot of one of our deputies with an employee's child and our K-9 dog Leko was turned into a hand drawn sketch and then eventually a clay sculpture of what the law enforcement memorial statue will look like.



Once completed, the clay sculpture was delivered to a foundry in Tacoma where it is being enlarged into a four foot tall clay sculpture. Once the foundry completes this step, Jim Stafford will make the necessary adjustments to the clay enlargement and then representatives from the memorial committee will travel to the foundry for final review. The enlarged sculpture will then be made into a wax mold. Once enough money has been raised for the statue, the wax mold will be cast in bronze.

The Lewis County Sheriff's Office Association has raised over \$22,000 towards the memorial project. With the assistance of Centralia Rotary Club President Melody Nelson, who has selected the Lewis County Law Enforcement Memorial for her President's Project, we hope to raise the additional funding needed to complete the project in 2012.

**UPCOMING MEMORIAL FUNDRAISER**

The Centralia Rotary Club will host their annual Spelling Bee, Dinner & Auction on Friday, February 3, 2012, at the Lewis & Clark Hotel in Centralia. There will be a Spelling Bee contest with local first responders, judges, attorneys and other local citizens. If you are interested in participating in this spelling contest, please contact Melody Nelson by e-mail at [Melody.Nelson@lewiscountywa.gov](mailto:Melody.Nelson@lewiscountywa.gov) or by phone at (360) 740-1450.



*Pictures from the Remembrance Ceremony held on September 11, 2011, at the SW Washington Fairgrounds. One balloon was released in memory of each fire fighter and law enforcement personnel who died during the 9/11 terrorist attack, a total of 415 balloons in all.*



**To report an anonymous tip, call 1-800-748-6422  
or go on-line at [www.lewiscountycrimestoppers.org](http://www.lewiscountycrimestoppers.org)  
to report a tip through the on-line submission form.**



## *Lewis County Sheriff's Office Association 10th Annual*

# **SHOP WITH A COP**

This year marked the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lewis County Sheriff's Office Association (LCSOA) Shop with a Cop event. This program started ten years ago when the Community Liaison with Wal-Mart contacted Chief Deputy Stacy Brown and began the planning process to bring the program to Lewis County. Shop with a Cop is a national Wal-Mart program. Wal-Mart provides some financial assistance, but the majority of funds for the program come from employee and public donations. The program receives invaluable assistance from United Way of Lewis County in the way of office staff to assist in the application, screening and selection process. United Way staff also assists the day of the event with administrative support.

The startup funds for this great program were raised by employees of the Sheriff's Office. A fundraiser was held to sell Krispy Kreme donuts. Approximately \$7,800 worth of donuts were sold in one day! (The public really seemed to enjoy the idea of cops selling donuts.) Additional fundraisers have also been held throughout the years to sustain the program.

The LCSOA Shop with a Cop Program has helped over 265 families in the past ten years. Children from the east end of Lewis County are transported to the event using the East Lewis County Transit bus. The bus has assisted greatly in ensuring children from all over Lewis County get to participate.

Sheriff's Office employees are enthusiastic about participating and seem to have as much fun as the kids do. After the children have completed shopping for their family members, they get a ride back to the Sheriff's Office in a patrol car, where they join Sheriff's Office support staff in wrapping their gifts. They are then treated to a pizza dinner, which this year was generously donated by Papa Pete's Pizza in Centralia. The children then play Bingo for some great prizes.

